

siderata I left with you, and which some
are tacked up in the door of your botanical
cabin? Have the mice or the moths, who are
good botanists in their way, taken possession
of it? It maybe so but I have heard nothing
from them.

College of Charleston

23 March 1837

Prof Asa Gray, Cambridge Mass.

My dear Sir,

I wrote to yourself, and
Dr. Torrey some months since with regard
to a portion of Elliott's Herbarium. You
will recollect that several years since
(10 or 15?) I selected parts of that Herb.
and transmitted them to Dr. T., if I re-
member rightly, at his request. I have
been applied to in order to have them brought
back, and on writing to Dr. T. he informed
that you had them. I feel uncertain whether
I wrote ^{to you} distinctly on the subject, and I write
now to urge their return as soon as you con-
veniently can. Could you not return at
once those you have finished with, and
take the others in hand at an early date?
Are the Smilaxes among them? I can find
them no where in Elliott's Herb. and
this induces me to ask you, as it

Could be done immediately, to give me a list of the plants or families and genera that were sent on to you; for if the proprietor of the Herb. were to ask me for the information I could not give it.

You are quoted by Sullivan for Mosses &c from Table Rock South Carolina. Were you ever there? Also for plants from Augusta Ga. I did not know that you had travelled in ^{the} South further than the Mountains of No. Ca. — Did you ever see in those Mts *Hesperis occidentalis*. I have not seen it there and cannot learn that any one has. Elliott inserts in it his work on the culture of Pinch I think. Walter has it in his Flor. and Dr. Bachman has it in his Catalogue of Plants of Charleston. I cannot believe it native of the lower country.

I will not trouble you any more about *Pinus Copa*, my Tin., as you have decided against it. I will not take as much pains to convince you as Ravenel took about *P. glabra* but leave you to future convictions. I will change the name and introduce it to the public under another title and perhaps you will be

rather pleased with the stranger.

See Deccandolle quotes "Broussfield in Phytologist". Is that a periodical? Have you a copy of it?

Do you know of any work taking up the remaining orders of Endogens left by Kunth? or works that would serve that purpose? Lindley's *Colubridacea*, — is that complete what is its cost? is it illustrated so as to increase the price considerably? Hooker's Ferns — will you answer similar questions for that?

I enclose a bit of a Fern Miss. Memoir gave me; she could not recollect whence she got it but thought at the Pat. off. garden in Weymouth what is it?

How is Dr. Torrey? neither he nor his daughter replied to a letter of sympathy I addressed ^{him} after receiving from you the news of Mrs. Torrey's death, so that I know nothing about him, and am unwilling to trouble him with another letter if it is painful for him to write. yet I still feel an interest in the excellent man and his family and cannot repress the desire to inquire after his welfare. — How is Miss Cunningham? she has not visited us this winter.

Yours very sincerely,

Lewis R. Gibbs.

What has become of an list of de-